(b) As per the information furnished by the implementing agencies to HUDCO, 32320 dwelling units have been completed and construction of 14475 units are in progress.

Changes in Agricultural costs and Prices Commission

30. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to change the nature of the Agricultural Costs and Prices Commission in order to make it more effective;

(b) what are the reasons therefor and by when Government are likely to implement its promises to give remunerative prices for farm produce; and

(c) what criteria will be taken into account to calculate remunerative prices of farm produce?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) to (c) The matter is under consideration.

Setting up of an expert Group on Agricultural Sector

31. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up an expert group to go into the specific problems of the agricultural sector;

(b) if so, by when;

(c) whether Government also propose to give the status of industry to agriculture; and

(d) if so, by when?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) and (b) There is no such proposal under consideration at present.

(c) and (d) There is no proposal under consideration at present. However, Government propose to accord the highest priority to Agriculture Sector in the Eighth Five Year Plan.

Revision of Housing Policy

32. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to suitably revise the housing policy to lay greater emphasis on tackling the problems of the slum-dwellers; and

(b) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) The ongoing housing policy at the Central and State level envisages the following measures for tackling the problems of slum dwellers:—

1. Environmental improvement of slum in all urban areas;

2. conferring security of tenure on slum dwellers wherever possible;

3. providing access to institutional finance for the upgradation of dwelling units or for rehousing;

4. integrated provision of basic services with community particpation;

5. promoting activities to enhance incomes of slums dwellers.

These programmes will be further strengthened with the cooperation of State Governments.

किसान घाट का विकास किया जाना

33. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय:** क्या शहरी विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भारत के भूतपूर्व प्रधान मंत्री और स्वतंत्रता सेनानी स्वर्गीय चौधरी